

FLORIDA'S PRESIDENTS DAY WEEKEND WORKSHOP 2016

featuring **Roberto Bagnoli & Ed Austin**

Review of Roberto Bagnoli by Andi Kapplin

"Our weekend workshop was FANTASTIC!"



Andi Kapplin and Roberto Bagnoli
(photo by Richard Eddy)

Ever since a Vancouver dancer mentioned that she thought Roberto Bagnoli was the best teacher she'd ever had at any workshop, I had been hoping the President of the Florida Folk Dance Council would bring him to our annual President's Day event. As the saying goes, "The third time's the charm" as this was the third year I had recommended him. He was absolutely fabulous. He taught 6 dances - all keepers - and the music was marvelous. His singing and yelling during the dances just added to everyone's enjoyment - and was quite contagious! He was very personable: attended the other instructor's sessions, participated in the evening parties and was always ready to answer any questions.

The other teacher at the Florida Weekend was Ed Austin from Brigham Young University. He directed the Brigham Young University performing folk dance troupes for over 25 years. Ed now accepts requests for teaching recreational folk dance groups. His recreational dance focus is international in scope. Appalachian clogging and Welsh folk dance have been areas of concentrated interest and research, and he is well-versed in western, central and eastern European dance styles. He is presently serving his second term as president of the National Folk Organization of the United States (NFO).